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1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROMERO DELIVERED TO HIM THIS MORNING THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER. THREE POINTS IN PARA 1 REFTEL MADE ORALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND, EXCEPT FOR SUGGESTION THAT DELEGATION BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE COVERING MY TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROMERO.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER LATER INFORMED ME THAT MRS. ROMERO WILL PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT ROMERO.

3. I WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT IN ADDITION THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ACCOMPANY HIM: (1) MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS MAJOR (AND LICENCIADO ALVARO ERNESTO MARTINEZ; (2) MRS. JUAN RICARDO SALAVZLRIA, WIFE OF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WOULD ASSIST MRS. ROMERO); (3) MINISTER OF PLANNING LICENCIADO ROBERTO CHICO DUARTE; (4) PRESIDENTIAL INFORMATION SECRETARY LT. COL. RAFAEL FLORES LIMA; (5) MILITARY AIDE DE CAMP COL. OSCAR ROQUE MOLINA; (6) SECOND AIDE DE CAMP CAPT. JULIO CESAR GRIJALVA; (7)

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CIVILIAN ASSISTANT ARTURO CASTRILLO HIDALGO, DIRECTOR OF BOUNDARY AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED ME WHETHER THE ABOVE LIST WAS TOO MANY. ALTHOUGH I HAD ALREADY SUGGESTED DELEGATION BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, I SAID THAT OBVIOUSLY THE PRESIDENT COULD TAKE ALONG ANY HE THOUGHT ADVISABLE FOR THE MISSION. HE ASKED,

HOWEVER, WHETHER I WOULD CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER ANTICIPATED A TETE-A-TETE WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO ALONG OR WHETHER IT MIGHT BE ANTICIPATED THAT A MINISTER OR MINISTERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT ACCOMPANY HIM FOR THE SUGGESTED BILATERAL CONSULTATION. HE AWO ASKED WHETHER I MIGHT ASK DISCREETLY TO FIND OUT WHAT SIZE AND KIND OF MISSION OTHER PRESIDENTS WERE BRINGING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER PRESIDENT ROMERO WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH OTHER US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUCH AS SECRETARY OF STATE OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE THREE QUESTIONS TO PASS ON TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN ORDER FOR THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE MAKEUP OF HIS SPECIAL MISSION.

5. INFORMATION ON DRESS FOR THE STATE DINNER WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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